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Weekly Whirligig

I ran into a weary bitter Kikuo in the chop suey house last night.

We were very close pals at Varsity for three years, until he dropped out when he lost his fishing licence in the government cut. I hadn't seen him since.

He was quiet during the meal, unlike his old self, and I wondered at the lines in his face. But afterwards, with fragrant steaming tea and the curling smoke from cigarettes, he loosened up. It seemed as if he wanted to get something off his chest, just as he used to in our schooldays.

He'd had a rocky time of it after losing his licence. With a large family to help support, the depression, anti-Japanese movements—he had wandered from odd job to odd job, logging camp, cannery, fish packer, sawmill.

And then to make matters worse, he met the girl.

They'd gone to the same school, but never noticed each other. That is, not until that night when he'd bumped into her walking along the dyke after the show in the Japanese Hall. She was on her way back to the cannery cabin, he to his bunk in a fish packer.

Perhaps it was the dull flicker of the moon on the river. Perhaps the never-ending lap-lap of the muddy, soft grey Fraser against the dyke and the gaunt piles. Even the rustle of the cottonwoods. But suddenly they were both very conscious of each other.

After that night he saw her often. Never, of course, so that people would suspect anything and start to talk. And when he had gone away, he had written and she had answered. But that was four years ago.

Since then his fortunes had gone up and down, up and down. He had tried to save, how he had tried! But out of work as often as he was in it, every cent he could spare had gone to the family. And without a decent job and something to offer her, of course he couldn't ask her and still be a man. And now four years had fled by . . . .

For a moment the bitterness in his face deepened as he showed me her letter.

Dearest Kikuo: I'm glad you're far away as I write this. If you were here beside me, I wouldn't have the strength to tell you. But I guess it just wasn't meant to be, and nothing that we can do can change things.

I've said no, no for so long. But I can't hold out any longer. Mother nags and nags, and everyone insists it will be a good match . . . he's decent and nice and has a good farm a long way from here. And I'm almost 27. I'm taking the train tomorrow night.

Kikuo, Kikuo. I'll never forget, never, never! But this must be good-bye.

I looked up from the crumpled note into Kikuo's weary face. He muttered dully, half to himself, half to me, "But she hasn't even seen him. Won't see him until they're married. Wonder what the army is like in Japan."

On The Newsfront

Britannia Contributes to Canada's War Effort

BRITANNIA, B. C.—Members of the Japanese Association here have joined with their compatriots throughout the province in contributing voluntarily toward the burden of the war effort. The sum of $138 was presented to General Manager C. P. Browning, to be forwarded to the Department of National Defence at Ottawa.

Red Cross Organization Meeting Called

VANCOUVER.—Preliminary steps in the formation of a Japanese Canadian Red Cross Unit will come to a head with a meeting of representatives from various Nisei organizations, Sunday, Feb. 18 in the Nippon Club at 3:30 p.m. Under the auspices of the Vancouver JCCL, a provisional committee has called the meeting, and extends an open invitation to all Nisei organizations with women members to send delegates to the meeting.

Credit Union Lecture in Sunbury

Alec McIntyre of the U.B.C. Extension Department will address a meeting of Japanese fishermen in the Japanese School in Sunbury, March 3 on the subject of credit unions. Mr. F. Tamaki will interpret.

Mr. McIntyre who hails from the St. Francois Xavier University in Nova Scotia was instrumental in forming credit unions in the Maritimes which are now proving of incalculable help to the Eastern fishermen. He started his work in B. C. scarcely a month ago, but already study groups on credit unions have been established in many parts of B. C. among all ranks of the working class, and the keenest interest has been aroused.

He will be returning to Nova Scotia at the beginning of April.

Youth Congress Plans Announced

Keen Interest Shown In Preparations

Profiting from the experience of last year's youth congress the committee in charge of the Second Annual Provincial Youth Congress is rapidly setting the stage for a banner convention over the Easter week end, March 22-25, in Vancouver, according to the reports released at the monthly meeting of the Vancouver Youth Council last Saturday evening at the Y.W.C.A.

The four-day meet which is sponsored by six B.C. Youth Councils and the Provincial Committee will officially swing into session March 22 with opening speeches by Mayor Telford, John Prior and John Jopson, presidents of the Provincial and Vancouver Youth Councils respectively.

This year the congress will be divided into four instead of five commissions which will discuss the topics: (1) Canada and World Affairs; (2) Canada's Economic Affairs; (3) Social Problems; (4) Community and Cultural Activities.

Professors Cooke and Soward of the University have contributed invaluable suggestions to the

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CHEMAINUS JAPANESE SEND $188 TO WAR FUND

By Staff Correspondent

The local chapter of the Japanese Canadian Citizens League acting as sponsors has just concluded a drive for funds among the Japanese in this community to be donated towards Canada's war effort.

Due to the loyal and patriotic feelings of the Japanese Canadian citizens toward their adopted country, the sum of $188 was realized.

This money will be sent to the Department of National Defence from the Japanese citizens of Chemainus.

Community Mourns With Nation Over Death Of Governor General

Telegraph Condolences To Government

Uniting with fellow citizens, high and low, in mourning the passing of Canada's beloved Governor-General, Lord Tweedsmuir, Nisei and Issei of this province voiced their heartfelt sympathy this week in telegrams to the government. In a special letter to Lieutenant-Governor Hamber, Kenji Nakauchi, Consul for Japan in Vancouver, expressed his condolences to the people of Canada.

Expressing the sense of personal loss experienced by the Nisei who had come to know Lord Tweedsmuir as John Buchan, Harry Naganobu, National President of the Japanese Canadian Citizens' League, wired the Prime Minister:

"Canadian-born Japanese young people join with me in mourning the passing of Lord Tweedsmuir who was endeared to all of us through his books and the record of his public life. Please convey our deepest sympathy to his sorrowing family."

Issei Message

In his message to the Prime Minister E. Kagetsu, on behalf of the Canadian Japanese Association, realizing the great loss to the country, expressed the sympathies of the organization to Lady Tweedsmuir.

Mr. Kagetsu's wire read: "The members of the Canadian Japanese Association join with me in sending a heartfelt message of sympathy at the passing of Lord Tweedsmuir. It is a great loss to our country. Please convey our deepest sympathy to Lady Tweedsmuir."

Consul's Letter

In his letter to the Lieutenant-Governor Mr. Nakauchi said: "Please accept my sincerest condolences in the bereavement caused by the death of His Excellency, Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor General of Canada. I wish to express my deepest sympathy towards the government and the people of Canada in the immeasurable loss they had suffered at this time of national emergency."

Students Vie For Oratorical Honors

Third Annual JSC Contest Attracts Veteran Speakers

"Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen."

Once again this familiar phrase will echo from the rafters of the Japanese Hall this coming Saturday evening, Feb. 16, when the University Japanese Students' Club sponsors their third annual oratorical contest. A very high standard of oratory is expected with the most experienced of Nisei High School students competing for the magnificent Nemichi Challenge Trophy.

Judges this year will be Mr. E. Munro, Miss Hide Hyodo and Kunito Shoyama. Mr. Munro is well known to many Nisels as the principal of Britannia High School, a distinguished classics scholar and an able speaker. Miss Hyodo, only Nisei school

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Regina Japanese Donate To War Fund

By Thomas Nomura

REGINA, Sask.—Local Japanese residents last week forwarded $30.50 to Mayor James Grassick as a donation for Canada's war effort.

Accompanying the donation was a letter from the small group of Japanese in the city, which read in part:

"At this critical time it is our sincere desire to assume the responsibility of citizenship by assisting the country to carry out her democratic principles.

"We will be very grateful if this small contribution is found useful in any way to further Canadian ideals and principles."

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Arthur Kato was elected president of the Shinyo Kai at its 5th annual general meeting recently, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Nomura. Supporting him are Thomas Nomura, secretary; Tom Hori, treasurer; Clifford Tanouye and John Nomura, sports. The club this year will sponsor basketball.

World-Wide "Nippon Culture" Essay Contest Launched

An alluring offer of five first prizes of 3,000 yen plus all travelling expenses for a three-month tour of Japan with attractive second and third prizes as well is the incentive in the world-wide essay contest sponsored by the Kokusai Bunka Shinkokai (Society for International Cultural Relations) to commemorate the 2,600th anniversary of the founding of the Japanese Empire and to further the understanding of Japanese civilization among the nations of the world.

ESSAY SUBJECT

Contestants may submit just one essay (typewritten) not exceeding 8,000 words in any language on any of the following subjects:

1. The Characteristics of Japanese Culture.

2. The Cultural Intercourse Between Japan and Other Countries (choice of one or more countries).

3. The Position of Japanese Culture in the World.

Manuscripts must be mailed by September 30, 1940 at the latest and those not received by the Contest Committee by Nov. 30, 1940 will not be accepted.

The winners will be announced April 29, 1941 on Tenchosetsu, the birthday of the Emperor of Japan.

PRIZES

One first prize, two second prizes and several third prizes will be made in each of the five [zones: (1) Asia, (2) Europe,] Africa, Australia and New Zealand; (3) Latin America; (4) North America; (5) Japanese Empire.

First-class round-trip steamer passage and 3,000 yen for a three-month stay in Japan is the first prize, but those unable to make the trip will be awarded books published in Japan to the total value of 3,000 yen.

Similarly, second prize winners will get a one-month tour of Japan and 1,000 yen or 1,000 yen worth of books.

500 yen worth of books is the third prize offer.

Further details may be obtained at the office of The New Canadian. Nisels, in particular, are urged to compete.

NISEI NEWS FROM FAR FLUNG CORNERS IN B.C.

Englewood Edgings

By S. Y.

Since the saw-mill closed down January 17 for an indefinite period because of shipping and other difficulties, approximately thirty Nisei employees have been packing up and leaving for homes in Vancouver, New Westminster and elsewhere, until only a few are left to keep the camp stove burning.

Those remaining include Foreman K. Kudota, George Kudota, the chief cook, Peter Watanabe, and Messrs. Nishida, Numakura, Sokugawa, N. Omotani, K. Omotani, Yoda and Yajima. Keeping them company are seven families here.

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Mr. Saiki, who was on repair work sustained injuries when the post which he was climbing fell. His condition is not serious however, and he manages to get around with crutches.

A boat came in on Feb. 4, and after loading 750,000 feet of lumber, sailed away two days later.

We learned . . . that Mr. K. Takagi, who is in Vancouver, sails for Japan on the 26th. Bon voyage, Takagi-san . . . Mitsu Honda is working at Woodfibre. Good luck to you, Mits, and take care of your mustache . . . Englewood's No. 1 heavenly man, Mr. Kakuno, is engaged to be married for the second time.

To members of the EYMA . . . Don't forget that February is the birth month of the EYMA.

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Celtic Clippings

By M. N. C. Pator

Fraser Frolicking

No-one minds if our good friend "Old Fraser River" comes in to wash our floors every now and then—but it's a bit too much when flower gardens start to disappear and sidewalks float merrily about."

This week in Celtic, shovels piled high with dirt and gumboots sunk deep in the mud were a common sight. But some day, we hope, our "friend" will give up trying to crush our muddy walls and divert all of its attention to speeding out "to see the sea."

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Schoolhouse Scenes

On the bonnie, bonnie banks of the River stands a building erect and graceful, but everyone knows it has seen better years.

In the last ten days within the walls of this red school house there took place a heart-throbbing Japanese moving picture show, a solemn ceremony commemorating the 2,600th anniversary of the founding of Japan, a couple of rough and tumble Kendo practices, and an oratorical contest to boot.

It's a wonder how that old structure can stand all this—but to many it would be even a greater wonder if a new and modern building were to rise in its place.

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Aspiring Orator

At that "wow" (plug) of an oratorical meet our star basketballer nearly murdered the King's English (not mentioning what the chairman did with it)—but it was a pleasure to all to hear that one High School student, Yasuo Yamashita, will participate in the Japanese Students' Club oratorical contest.

Surrey Girls' Club

By Mitsuye T. Tashima

Honouring Miss Mary Yamasaki, the Girls' Club held a luncheon party recently at the home of Mrs. Carbutt. At the dinner table each member spoke a few words of farewell in handing her gift to the bride-to-be, who was charming in a copper-leaf crepe dress.

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Sponsored jointly by the Girls' Club and the Young Men's Association, a get-together of all the young people of the Lower Fraser district was held, Sunday, February 11, at the Japanese Hall.

Rainy City J.C.C. Face Bright Future

By Drippy

Japanese Canadian Club

A general meeting of the Ocean Falls J.C.C. was held on Thursday, February 8. Faced with a very promising future as a result of the recent increased membership, the club has undertaken the sponsorship of several projects.

For those interested in music, a J. C. C. band is in the making under the leadership of Mr. T. Goodridge. The Camera Club, in charge of Harry Kuroyanagi, will beckon the would-be photographers, while for budding orators, there is the Speakers' Club, with genial Jin Ide as chairman.

The club will also purchase club pins, which will be available in the near future.

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Red Cross Support

At a special meeting held recently, members of the Japanese Ladies' Club unanimously voted to make a contribution to the Red Cross. Voluntary donations will be collected and forwarded to the local Unit. In addition to this financial support, the ladies will also assist in the knitting of winter clothing for use overseas.

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Au Revoir

A farewell party was held by the Seinen-kai on Feb. 4, in honour of Mr. Kiyoshi Uyesugi, who will be visiting Japan for a few months. Very active in community affairs, Mr. Uyesugi was recently elected president of the Ocean Falls Seinen-kai.

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We Welcome . . .

Mr. and Mrs. I. Uchida, who recently returned from their honeymoon trip down south. We wish them health and happiness.

Scanning Sunbury Secrets

By Seer

"Hello folks! It seems as if Sunbury Snacks is falling down on his job, so here are some Sunbury Secrets. Scenic Sunbury is located between New Westminster and Ladner, bounded on the north by the mighty Fraser, the fishermen's bread pan, on the south by a wide stretch of bogland, the hunters' rendezvous.

Today, whether in restless Europe or in peaceful Canada, social, economic and political forces have created race antagonism and discrimination. But here in the little fishing village of Sunbury are people from many nations . . . Japanese, Finns, Norwegians, Chinese, Greeks, British, Dutch, Jews, etc. Together in enviable harmony through these times of economic stress they live and learn the joys and sorrows of life, ignoring racial differences.

Social — Commemorating the 2,600th anniversary of the founding of Japan, the local Japanese community held a celebration at the Japanese School, Feb. 11.

Fishing—After considerable delay the Japanese Canadian fishermen here finally received their fishing licences. The boys are looking forward to a better season this year.

Maple Ridge Review

The Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows chapter of the JCCL acknowledges receipt of donations from Hayami Radio $2.50, Doug. Oike $2.00 and "Tak" Yamazaki $1.50 and expresses their thanks through these columns.

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Fisher's Feats

These ardent fishermen have my sincerest sympathy. A strenuous evening of directing a concert and supervising the clean-up early next morning certainly did not prevent the unfailing president of the local JCCL from indulging in his pastime . . teasing li'l fishes.

(Emphasis on tease . . . you've guessed correctly. It was the usual story of no luck). P. S. He claims to have gone merely to relax.

Welcome Home

Welcome to your home town, Miss Yaeko Nagai! Your many friends wish you an enjoyable holiday from those nursing duties at the Vancouver General Hospital.

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We're Off To See . . .

With the pretext of taking in the Engeikai at Mission our local he-men motored down en masse to return starry-eyed and smiling. Don't ask them about the program, they wouldn't know. Who was the little lady receiving so much attention?

PALDI ON PARADE

By Cossy Asada

Here is your reporter back with the news and gossip from Paldi for the first time in the year 1940 . . .

Leap Year Dance

A gay Leap Year dance was held Feb. 3, at the Duncan Japanese Hall, with visitors present from Victoria, Lake Cowichan and Paldi. Dancing began at 8.30 and lasted until a late hour.

The hall was gaily decorated with multi-coloured streamers and cleverly - worded signs adorning the walls. Mrs. S. Yoshino was the lucky ticket holder winning first prize, with T. Oikawa, K. Enta and K. Kawabata winning 2nd, 3rd and 4th prizes. We hope they all enjoyed their prizes.

Highlights . . . While supper was being served, the "Songbird of Cowichan Valley," Miss Fudge Toyota entertained the dancers with her rendition of the popular song, "An Apple for the Teacher." With the applause still echoing through the hall, she gave as an encore, "Small-Fry" . . . Why didn't S. Y. oblige the crowd when he was asked to sing? You weren't shy, were you? . . . Who was the fair maiden chewing so vigorously on a wad of gum all the time she was dancing? . . . Our sympathies to the handsome Paldi lad, who arrived home at 3 a.m. and had to roll out at 7 to go to work . . . and we hope the young fellow on crutches from Hillcrest enjoyed the company.

Logger Injured Seriously

Mr. S. A. Kato is slowly recovering from serious injuries to his head suffered in an accident at Mayo Bros. Company's logging operations, Jan. 27th.

He is confined to a private room in the King's Daughters Hospital in Duncan, and is not allowed to have any visitors.

Farewell to Friends

With Side 2 of the Mayo logging operations shutting down, we very much regretted to see T. Okamoto of Victoria, Y. Kawaguchi of Cumberland and M. Kuwabara of Vancouver depart from our midst.

Mr. Joe Drazich, employed at the Mayo Bros. Co. Grade Camp suffered the loss of his right hand in an accident on Feb. 3rd.

Signing off, with a fond Aloha to one and all, and a promise to be back with the passing parade from Paldi in the near future.

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Nisei Girls Seek True Vocations

Face Problems Of Race Prejudice With Realism And Hope For The Future

EDITOR'S NOTE—Today's world in America and Canada is a woman's world, just as much as a man's. And Nisei girls face problems like their brothers much more complex than their more fortunate Occidental sisters—problems of overcoming racial handicaps to make their dreams and ambitions come true. But have they dreams and ambitions and do they hope to make them come true? Our quizzing reporter draws the answer from life itself.

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Have you an ambition hidden away in the secret regions of your heart? Of course you have, for everyone builds castles in the air, and it is the hoping and striving for some goal that makes life worth living.

Women are at times accused of never having a single serious thought in their empty heads, of dilly-dallying through a life of froth—so, bitten by the quizzing bug, I set out to investigate the relative merits of this accusation.

THE QUIZ?

Have you an ambition, and do you think you can ever realize it?

THE ANSWERS!

Chiea Nishikaze, houseworker, Prince Rupert: My ambition is to be a Provincial Recreation Centre Instructress. But because of Occidental competition, I don't think I could gain such an appointment unless a sports centre is established here in the Japanese community.

The first step in making my dream come true is the building of a gym. But even then Japanese girls on the whole are very backward in sports, and it would probably take a lot of patient persuasion to make them turn out.

Nana Yamamoto, 2528 Napier, first year University student: My ambition is to become a public health nurse, so I entered the University last fall intending to take a course in nursing. I'm afraid that I haven't much chance of obtaining such a position here because of racial prejudice. If there is no opening at all then I'll go to Japan because I'm determined to make practical use of my university education.

I'd far rather work here in Canada. There is a chance now, because of the war in Europe.

Eileen Shintani, 832 E. Cordova, stenographer at the Richmond Trading Company: I had many different ambitions when I was in school, but now that I have a good job and gained some experience as a stenographer my ambition is to become the private secretary of the boss of a big firm like those in New York. The only way to realize my ambition is through hard work and lots of luck, but I haven't much chance, at least not until bigger Japanese firms are established here.

Masuko Iguchi, 30 Water St., dressmaker and salesgirl at T. Maikawa Department Store: My secret ambition has always been to become a good costume designer either in a famous establishment or in a style salon of my own. Perhaps I have been influenced by the movies, but the work of great designers has always spelled thrill and romance for me. I guess my dream is rather fantastic especially in these surroundings because there is no such opening here.

The closest that I shall ever come to my dream is the work that I am doing now. I do the sewing and fitting here and at the request of most customers I work out my own ideas into their designs, and try to figure out ways and means of covering up defects in figures. It is all very good practice and experience for me, and, since my dream is impossible here, I hope some day to be able to gain a position in a large firm in Japan.

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SPEAKER

An outstanding British Columbia lawyer and King's Counsel, and prominent in Conservative political circles, T. G. Norris, an honourary member of the Vancouver JCCL, has been invited to speak at the final general meeting, Feb. 24 at the Nippon Club.

Mr. Norris prepared the brief submitted by the delegation of four Nisei who travelled to Ottawa in the summer of 1936 to submit the Nisei franchise case to the Federal Government.

Hompa Niseis Will Attend N.W. Confab

Representing British Columbia, four delegates from the Hompa Temple will attend the 9th Annual Northwest Young Buddhist League Convention, to be held in Wapato, Washington, March 9 and 10.

Named to go are Kiyoshi Suga and Shota Kondo, prominent Vancouver Niseis. Two delegates from the Hompa Young Women's Buddhist Association will also attend.

Conference discussions will follow the theme, "Enlightenment through Buddha," and will be modelled upon the panel system. An oratorical contest in both English and Japanese will be a feature of the Convention. Rev. Tsunoda, Nisei Buddhist priest from California, will be the principal speaker at the banquet.

JCCL Acknowledges List of Donations

Acknowledging with thanks for their interest in the problems of the Nisei the Japanese Canadian Citizens League through their secretary Edward T. Ouchi, this week made public the following list of public-spirited citizens who made donations during the financial campaign carried on jointly by the National Executive and the Vancouver Chapter during the past year.

Messrs. S. Aoki, Tajiro Ogino, Isoji Hatashita, Bunji Hisaoka, Takeo Hara, Kinichi Iwata, Yutaka Kawata, Kojiro Shoji, Eisaburo Shoji, Seitaro Yamaoka, Tsutae Sato, T. Ogawa, T. Saika, Y. Oka, T. Miura, T. Maikawa, Sadao Maikawa, Etsuji Morii, Shinichi Maeba, J. Katsukawa, M. Toyama, Shosuke Nakano, Masao Kashino, Kitchiro Okura, S. Shimada, Tomoji Onami, Toyozo Matsuyama, Senkichi Fukuyama, I. Sugiyama, and R. Hoshino, Mrs. M. Sanmiya, Mrs. Kuminishi, Dr. E. Miyake and Dr. Miyazaki.

Included in the list of acknowledgements were donations of lumber from Mr. T. Nishikawa, toward the building of library cupboards, and Mr. E. Kagetsu and Mr. B. Hisaoka, for cups donated for the Oratorical Contest.

British Opinion Favors Co-operation With Japan States Former M.P.

TOKYO.—(Domei)—The growing spirit of co-operation between Great Britain and Japan and the benefits of Japanese industrialization to the Philippines were stressed by two speakers last week at the luncheon of the Pan-Pacific Club at Tokyo. The speakers were Dr. N. H. Pickering, former member of the British Parliament and now associated with the Tokyo Imperial University and Viscount Inouye, Pan-Pacific Club president.

Dr. Pickering who recently returned from Great Britain, said that there was in England a much friendlier spirit to Japan than there had been prior to the outbreak of the war, and a growing body of opinion believed that friendly and decent cooperation between the two countries could be achieved.

Pickering added, "In bringing Japan, Great Britain and the U.S. into closer and more friendly association, it is Great Britain that can do the most. For despite the more profitable link between the United States and Japan compared with that between Japan and Great Britain, the English people seem more capable of understanding Japanese needs."

Philippine Production Low

Viscount Inouye, recounting observations of a trip to the Philippines, declared that production in the islands is about three times higher in Taiwan (Formosa) per unit area than in the Philippines. Despite the immense arable land area, the Filipinos are unable to meet national demands for rice and must import large quantities from abroad.

Observations by Japanese specialists convinced them that production could easily be doubled or trebled if the system practised in Taiwan were carried out, according to the Viscount.

Collegians Flock To P.N.W. Advance

Watanabe Speaks on Immigration & Jobs

By Kenji Kitamura

Led by modest but capable Chairman Satoru Watanabe, a record delegation of 25 local University students will make their presence felt at the 2nd annual Intercollegiate Advance, Feb. 24, at the U. of Washington. With interest and enthusiasm running high, very tangible benefits are anticipated from the conference.

Mr. Watanabe will present a comprehensive review on "Immigration and Vocational Opportunities" in one of the discussion groups. Co-operating in the preparation of the paper which will give the Canadian viewpoint are Charles Momose, Tetsuo Aoki, Luke Tanabe and Tam Ozaki.

Discussion Groups

Under the efficient direction of Tetsuo Aoki the delegation has been divided into four sections assuring adequate representation in each of the following discussion groups:

(1) Undergraduate Problems: (a) Psychology of Study; (b) Extra-curricular Activities; (2) Adjustment to Social Environment: (a) Social Factors in Nisei Personality; (b) Problems of Leadership in the Japanese Community; (c) Problems of Courtship of the College Student, U. B. C. leader, Miss Yoshiko Momose; (3) Vocational Opportunities: (a) Immigration and Vocational Opportunities; (b) Personality and Vocational Opportunities, U.B.C. leader, Tetsuo Aoki; and (4) Appreciation of Japanese Art, U.B.C. leader, Wes Fujiwara.

Transportation is being arranged by Frank Nikaido, and singing by Luke Tanabe and George Shimotakahara.

Langley Lyrics

By Margaret Takaoka

The favourable weather on Feb. 10 enabled a large crowd of parents and children to gather at the Coughlan Japanese Hall, to commemorate the 2,600 anniversary of the founding of the Empire of Japan.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman K. K. Kinoshita opened the ceremony with an appropriate speech, followed by the singing of "Kimi-ga-yo," "Kigen-setsu" song; and the new "2,600th Year Anniversary Song." After an intermission, individuals entertained with speeches and songs. Candy bags were distributed to the kiddies.

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Our Responsibility

Commenting editorially upon a suggestion made by a member of the Japanese Diet that Japanese in the United States and Canada be asked to return to the Far East to assist in the reconstruction of the occupied areas in China, the Vancouver Sun nastily heads its article "They're Welcome to Ours," because it is maintained that as a racial group the Japanese cannot be absorbed within the national life of Canada.

It is nauseating and sickening experience to feel that you are not wanted in the country you regard as your own. But we ought to realize that it is an old cry, and one for which the old answers year by year grow stronger and stronger.

Year by year we continue to prove more convincingly than ever, that our ideal of a design for living can be and is as high as that of the finest citizen in the land. Our own experience has made us intimately aware of the fact that from our point of view biological characteristics need in no way prevent us from merging into the national life of our country. It has even shown us that in preserving the cultural heritage of our race we may make our most distinctive contribution to the Canadian mosaic.

Nevertheless these continued attacks ought to make us realize that even as a second generation group we are still on trial in the eyes of the citizens of Canada. We ought to realize that by our acts and achievements as individuals, the whole of our group will be judged—judged, honoured or condemned as the case may be. Each of us then bears a heavy responsibility to all the others, a responsibility from which there is no escape.

It is a responsibility that we bear every minute of the waking day, that accompanies us wherever we go, in whatever we do. And being aware of it will afford us the surest guide to good citizenship day by day. It is a responsibility to honour the laws of the land to the letter—traffic laws, minimum wage laws, hours of work, whatever they may be—municipal, provincial, federal. It is a responsibility to observe the highest moral standards of our society, of personal integrity, of justice and honesty, of generosity and sportsmanship, of clean, decent personal living.

No matter how far members of the majority group may compromise on their standards, there can be no compromise for the Nisei. It is up to each and everyone of us to keep before him the highest ideals of citizenship, and strive to attain them to the utmost of our human ability.

What A Dream It Is!

Ah, what a dream it is to lie in the sun!
And only a few hours ago . . .
or was it days ago (I care not which)
the world was so bare?
As I stand here gazing,
far — far into the deep blue space
the strong wild-wood scent of pussy-willows
intrudes upon my tangled thoughts
and then a whiff of the moist fresh earth
fills the blood with unruly vigor,
throbbing my heart
until this delirious pulse
leaves me breathless and numb . . .
Ah, what a dream it is to lie in the sun!

—Miyo Ishiwata.

I Mourn John Buchan

By T. MURIEL KITAGAWA

The death of Lord Tweedsmuir is rather a shock to me, when I realize of a sudden that no more will he write as John Buchan. How can one be reconciled to such a loss!

Introduction to John Buchan.

I was first introduced to his novels through MacLean's Magazine. It was some months after his appointment as Governor General that *Greenmantle* appeared in serial form. This story is the second of four books recounting the adventures of Richard Hannay. Truth to tell, before this I had rather shied away from the Buchan books. Why? I scarcely know. Perhaps the stern austerity of the author's name intimidated my romantic soul.

Anyway, for want of better occupation, I read *Greenmantle*. Then I straightway got me *39 Steps*, followed in a week by *The Three Hostages* and *Mr. Standfast*. Next I polished off the Sir Edward Leithen books, *John MacNab*, etc. I hunted the library for more Buchan stories. *Hunting Tower* and *Castle Gay* describe the strange things that happened to a retired greengrocer, whose pudgy, round, middle class body hid a soul yearning for splendor, beauty, adventure and romance. He got it—in company with the most engaging set of ragamuffins that ever graced the slums—and a princess.

Prester John—*you know the legend about this mythical figure—is a longer story starting in Scotland and travelling with the hero and the sinister black parson to the dark veldts of South Africa. The author was familiar with this part of the world, having visited there on diplomatic duties. The reader felt that whatever John Buchan wrote about, he knew every inch of his ground.*

So, too, with *The Path of a King*. A strange tale of the path down through the centuries marked by a ring—symbol of kingship—first worn by an uncrowned Viking Jarl in flight and finally by Abraham Lincoln in his early boyhood. This ring had always been inherited by a direct descendant and passed through fortune and misfortune till its end.

There are so many other stories.

Scottish Tang.

Really, it is not at all an exaggeration to say that he has a special place on my shelf of literary gods. John Buchan was one of the most accomplished and fascinating of writers. There is a tang—perhaps of Scottish heather and bracken and porridge—in his stories. Always the sincere reader notices an atmosphere—fey—a mystic awareness. Mystery, adventure, romance, humour, philosophy are woven together with masterly and intricate, yet seemingly simple design. His versatility was such that it encompassed all life.

It is these novels that highlight the inner man in John Buchan. Where can we find his like? A simple man—and great.

Canada's loss is irreparable and I . . .

I MOURN JOHN BUCHAN.

COMPANIONSHIP

Editor, The New Canadian — Dear Sir: ". . . I would like to add that I think your New Canadian is a very wonderful paper, and mere words cannot express what a delightful companion it is to me. I look forward to each issue with eager interest. Please keep up your good work.

(Miss) Sachiko Sameshima.
Whonock, B. C.

From The Editor's Mailbag

CANADIAN READERS

Editor, The New Canadian — Dear Sir: First of all I would like to tell you how very pleased I was to receive one of your papers from a friend in Vancouver . . . I am still attending high school, being in my last year. Every member of our class has been report— my topic, because of my assigned a subject on which to keen interest in the Orient has been the Japanese conflict in the East, and although my interest runs high, I have, so far been able to find very little material on this subject. I wonder if you have any of your old papers with news in them that you could spare me—I would like to have them for several reasons, primarily the news but also for the whole class to look over, showing them that the Japanese are equally as much Canadian as they are . . .

(Miss) J. Lizzey.
Powell River, B. C.

Editor, The New Canadian — Dear Sir: I have perused several recent issues of "The New Canadian" and have found it to be a very instructive and public-spirited organ. Your New Year edition appealed to me especially.

The Moral Re-armament news would seem to be of vital concern and your article on its application to the Nisei's problems is most practical. Moral Re-armament is the hope for a new world built on faith and unselfishness and its application will certainly build bridges between the Issei and the Nisei.

RE EDITORIALS

Editor, The New Canadian — Dear Sir: This is to thank you for the copies of "The New Canadian" which you have kindly sent to the Minister of National Defence.

The excellent editorials in these papers will be brought to Mr. Rogers' attention.

Yours very truly,
(Miss) Ida Smith,
(Private Sec'y.)
Ottawa.

Your discernment in pointing out the faults of the Nisei may well be a pattern to all of us to examine our race and find out how we can help to overcome the faults which led to misunderstanding.

Margaret Kinnimount,
West Vancouver.

Editor, The New Canadian — Dear Sir: I wish to convey my very best wishes to all my Nisei friends and their families on the occasion of their celebration of the 2,600th anniversary of the founding of the Japanese Empire.

May I also say how much I enjoyed the Red Cross Concert put on by the J.C.C.L., January 28th. It made me even more conscious of the wealth of talent that Niseis have to contribute to this country of ours. May we have more opportunities of combining our respective abilities here in Vancouver.

Vancouver.
BARBARA BAKER.

Stimson Embargo Committee

From Washington, D.C. this week comes a feature dispatch by Bruce Hutchison, well-known B. C. journalist, describing the welling up of American prejudice or "American conscience" in favor of the embargo against Japan.

Mr. Hutchison notes that this rising tide is causing keen alarm to the Administration, whose job it is to negotiate with Japan. He notes that leading the counter-fight in the U. S. is the outstanding journalist, Walter Lippman, who argues that the imposition of the embargo will probably lead to war between the two countries. On one point alone there is complete agreement: No one in either country is anxious to go to war with the other. Canadians dislike the thought of such a war in no lesser degree.

The clamour for the embargo, however, is gaining headway, spurred on by an organization led by Col. Henry L. Stimson, secretary of state in the Hoover cabinet. Supporting the move in Congress itself is Senator Key Pittman, whose stand is to safeguard American interests in China.

Japanese sources view Col. Stimson's activities in stirring up public opinion as a flagrant act of war mongering. Mr. Stimson, says the Japan Times, is the driving force of a far-flung organization now actively engaged in sowing seeds of hate at the same time this government announces itself as trying to keep the peace.

"If a hundred of Japan's leading citizens led by a former Foreign Minister were to set up an organization for the sole purpose of fomenting economic and social aggression against the U.S., what would be done or said about it," queries the Times.

The embargo organization led by Col. Stimson was formed early in 1939 under the name "The American Committee for Non-Participation in Japanese Aggression." Stimson is Honorary Chairman, Roger S. Greene, erstwhile representative of the Rockefeller Foundation at its Peking Union Medical College, Executive Chairman, and Harry B. Price, a professional writer, the Executive Secretary.

War Mongering

Since the organization of this powerful body of rabble-rousers, committees of eminent but misguided people have been set up in districts throughout the United States charged with the most gigantic anti-foreign movements since Hearst led the people of America to war against Spain.

Americans living amongst the Japanese and Chinese agree with their neighbours that everything of an experimental nature during the establishment of a New Order is neither perfect nor permanent. What all the three groups will admit, however, is that the sowing of hate in America is not the way to attain a state of national mind and leading to a reasonable and permanent solution of Far Eastern problems.

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BY SO-NE HEN-NE

Valentine breezed in and out, and all you happy girls, hugging your favourite lace-and-paper heart, dreamt beautiful dreams of golden romance. But to one especially lucky lassie Cupid must have brought unbounded joy for that dashing science man was spotted gingerly trying on some exquisite pieces of jewellery at Birks the other day. Gosh, Freddy, that dainty sapphire necklace looked so stunning on you.

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Harry's genial sharpshooter is exceptionally busy these days in extra rehearsals trying to master still more intricate steps in his jitterbugging antics. The reason for the sudden spurt of energy? He's been haunting Rose's lately mooching free fingerwaves whenever he can and hopes to pay for them by providing Rose with an extra attraction for her customers—a floor show to be given with every permanent.

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Deeply impressed by the white booties worn by two petite Seattle-ites on their recent visit, four little ladies, hoping to add class to the Spring Informal, immediately ordered a pair from the south. Thereafter every morning the four little ladies rushed out to meet the postman, but no results. Finally on the day of the dance, each received a mysterious package containing not their orders but a pair of baby's tiny white booties.

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A leap year party recently brought to light hidden feminine traits among the brawny males who were assigned to wash the dishes. One 'andsome husky brute for fear of ruining his romance because of dishpan hands stubbornly refused to do his share without the aid of lux. Ask your little lady about Jergen's Lotion, Toru.

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You certainly missed something, girls, when you passed up that roller party at Winter Gardens a couple of weeks back. You'd have experienced that thrill of being the most popular girl in town—there were eight women each with eight men on their hands . . . . It takes Dave to grab the limelight. Choosing a moment when there wasn't another couple on the floor, he demonstrated to all present the subtle art of falling like a Titan, and yet oh so gracefully. Kate says Dave makes a very soft cushion.

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

17—J.S.C. Oratorical Contest, Japanese Hall, 2.30 p.m.
18—Young Buddhists' Association Oratorical Contest, Hompa Hall.
18—Kowakai Meeting, Kitsilano Japanese School, 2.30 p.m.
18—Red Cross Meeting, Nippon Club, 3.30 p.m.
22-24—UBC Musical Society "Gondoliers," University Theatre.
21—Inter-collegiate Advance, U. of W. Campus.
21—Vancouver JCCL General Meeting, Nippon Club, 8.00 p.m.
25—Steveston JCCL Art Exhibit, Da治ai Hall, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
26—CGIT-Tuxis Roller Fest, Happyland, 35c, 7.30 p.m.
26-27—5th Annual B. C. Open Japanese Badminton Tournament, Strathcona Gym, Men's Doubles.

MARCH

11-12—Badminton Tourney, Mixed Doubles.
21—JCCL Spring Frolic.
22-25—Second Annual B. C. Provincial Youth Congress.

GYK To Establish Dramatic Club

Vigourously advancing its plans for its silver anniversary, the Gakuyukai disclosed that it is establishing a dramatic club.

Roy Kumano, talented actor and chairman of the committee, declared: "In keeping with our policy of encouraging and developing the latent talents of the members of the society and pupils of the school, we are starting this club that will not only aid aspiring thespians but will discover new talent, create interest in the theatre and allied technical arts and select plays of high calibre for our annual productions."

"The first meeting of the club will take place this coming Friday at the Japanese School and we wish to invite every interested person."

"ORATORY"

(Continued from Page 1)

teacher in Canada, has judged two previous contests.

Although the entry list this year is smaller than last, the majority of speakers have already won fame as public speakers. A favourite for top honours is May Yamazaki, Grade 12 student of Magee High School, at present co-holder of the challenge trophy.

Another favourite is Martha Kayahara, Britannia Junior Matric student, who placed near the top in the two former contests. Masako Miyazaki, of Fairview Commerce, who has debated for her school in inter-school competition, and Roy Oshiro of Britannia are again aspiring for the high school championship.

Aspiring Demosthenes

The complete list of entrants with the titles to their speeches is as follows:

Marie Inouye, John Oliver, "Broadening our Interests"; Martha Kayahara, Britannia, "After the War"; May Yamazaki, Magee, "Microbe Hunters"; Yasuo Yamashita, Technical, "Nisei's Own Road"; Satoru Eguchi, Britannia, "Home Nursing"; Masako Miyazaki, Fairview, "The Case Against Mercy Killing"; Roy Oshiro, Britannia, "On Dissecting Goethe's Saying."

TOWN TOPICS ...

June Bride

A pretty June wedding was forecast when the engagement of Chiyoko, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Hakkaku, to Mr. Toshio Sakamoto of Prince Rupert was recently announced.

After the wedding, June 1, the couple will make their home in Prince Rupert.

Powell Y. P. Fete

New Pier Cafe, Feb. 15 was the scene of a special banquet as the Powell Y.P.S. honoured the director, Miss Yuki Yoshida, and the cast of the highly successful Y.P. play.

Nisei and Music

Five Niseiettes were successful in their written examinations for the Royal Schools of Music in December.

They were: Kazu Uchida (Grade V, Harmony, Pass); Setsu Ishizaki, Hiroko Shimada (Grade III, Harmony, Pass); Kazuko Shinobu (Grade II, Harmony, Pass); Eda Nishikawa (Grade II, Grammar of Music, Pass).

Retired Minister Honoured

Last Monday noon, the Japanese Ministers' Association held a farewell banquet at the Sun Pekin for Rev. Z. Higashi, former pastor of the Japanese Foursquare Church, who is leaving for Japan on the next NYK liner.

Engagements Announced

Mr. J. Onishi of Strawberry Hill announces the engagement of his fourth daughter, Haruye, to Mr. Masao Hattori, former president of the Mission Chapter of the JCCL. The wedding will take place shortly.

The engagement is announced of Kinuko, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Abe, to Mr. Kintaro Ebisuzaki, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Ebisuzaki. The wedding will take place at the Hompa Temple Feb. 17.

Leap Year Party

A gay Leap Year Basket Dinner Party was held at the home of Miss Kate Oyama on Dunbar last Sunday evening. Seven couples were guests.

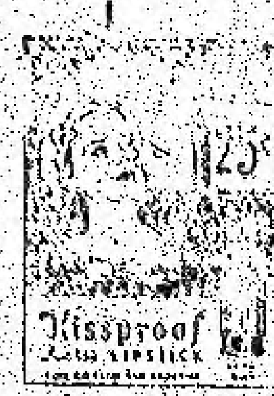
Y.P. Activities

Rev. K. Shimizu will address the Junior Church this Sunday evening on "Re-thinking Life's Meaning" at the Powell United Church.

The Seikokai AYPA regular fellowship and tea will be held on Sunday, Feb. 18, from 5:30 in the afternoon followed by an English service at 7:30.

The first meeting of the Japanese Foursquare Young People's Society will take place Feb. 16 at the church. All those interested are cordially invited to attend.

Elections to choose the executive of the Canadian Japanese Association will be held February 21, when the newly elected Board of Directors holds its first meeting, February 21.



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Candlelight and Wine

by Diana

Spring in the Air and Spring in Your Heart

A tiny playful drop bounced sprightly on my nose, and then another, and yet another. I looked apprehensively up at the tiny patch of sky warily peeping down between the tall crowded buildings. And even as I raised my eyes a whole torrent of icy drops came tumbling down. Caught unawares, minus hat and umbrella, and my artificial curls going the heartless way of all transient pleasures, with teeth chattering, hands numb and senseless, frozen feet swishing in open sandals, I shivered my insignificant way along the slippery streets. Just the weather to give anyone the feeling as if there's not a friend left in this unfriendly world. Hoping to preserve a fragment of my prided coiffure, I scrambled into the nearest department store and made my bedraggled way through the busy crowd of bargain hunters.

I sauntered aimlessly along until I suddenly found myself in an exquisite flower garden. I had stepped from a tired dreary world into the gayest, happiest spot of a land of enchantment. Spring sunshine filled the air, fresh breezes floated gently over a riot of colours—splashes of tropical splendour, clusters of delicate blossoms of early spring, rainbow shades of palest hue shining through a soft grey mist. I had wandered into the millinery department, always the herald of spring.

Stunning felts of hyacinth blue and blush pink, cockeyed turbans of passionate red, perfectly crazy straw bonnets with iridescent flower gardens swathed in filmy veils. Let the rest of the world go by—here's spring in the air and spring in your heart. Next time you feel depressed slip into a millinery shop and watch your spirits perk up like new. There's no better tonic to chase away those wintry blues, and you'll also get a special preview of the Easter Parade.

Want to brighten up that too-plain dress with something new and original? Buy bunches of artificial flowers, cut off their stalks, and sew the flowers closely together on a roll of velvet to make an attractive choker. A bracelet to match will complete the charming novelty.

Why Not Try a Co-operative Party?

Parties are fun if you're one of the guests, because all there is to do is to relax and enjoy yourself letting all worries scatter with the wind. But if you have ever been hostess you will have learned that a party is not all fun and laughter, but includes work, worry, and money.

Playing hostess involves careful preparation beforehand, plenty of ideas and shekels for refreshments and decorations, entertainment worries, and finally the most trying part—the messy cleaning up. To eliminate a great deal of the trials of entertaining, throw a co-operative party next time where everybody shares the work and the cost. It will add plenty of spicy variety, too.

Just gather a group of friends together, and proceed from one house to another, minstrel fashion, each person in the group preparing one course of the meal. Start with an appetizer, then on to the next house for the soup, then the main course, salad, dessert, coffee and cakes, and concluding with dancing or bridge and a midnight snack. Of course you will plan a menu of food that can be prepared beforehand and quickly heated, so that each hostess can enjoy herself as guest. The food can be served formally in the dining-room, buffet style, or most informally in the living-room according to the whims of the hostess.

A change of partners by ballot before proceeding to each home will further the informal gaiety. This type of partying can last from supper-time till the wee sma' hours, and not one minute of boredom.

For That Midnight Snack

If you happen to be the last to entertain, you'll want something extra light and especially tempting to serve after all those courses. Try your hand then at these tiny, fluffy cream puffs filled with ice cream.

Put 1 cup boiling water and ½ cup shortening together in a sauce pan. Boil up well and add all at once 1 cup of sifted flour which has been sifted with ⅛ of a teaspoon of salt and stir vigorously. Remove from fire as soon as mixed; cool; and add in 3 eggs, one at a time. Add 2 teaspoons of baking powder, stir well. Drop by tiny spoonfuls into a greased pan well apart. Shape with a wet spoon into circular form. Put into a hot oven and bake till puffed up, golden brown, and thoroughly cooked. Cut near the base of each puff to admit the filling. Fill with ice cream just before serving.

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MUSICAL DIRECTOR

HAYDN C. WILLIAMS

Director of the coming U.B.C. Musical Society's annual spring production, "The Gondoliers," Haydn C. Williams is busy adding the finishing touches to the operetta which will be presented at the University Theatre Feb. 22 to 24. Mr. Williams is also a member of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets to "The Gondoliers" may be obtained at Kelly's on Seymour from 50c to $1.00.

Arthur Benjamin Delights Symphony Concert Audience

One of the most interesting of symphony concerts was held at the Orpheum Theatre last Sunday when Sir Arthur Benjamin was enthusiastically acclaimed in the dual role of guest conductor and soloist by a huge crowd of music lovers that bordered on the 3000 mark.

Vancouver is fortunate in having a musician of Sir Arthur Benjamin's calibre. His approach to the orchestral numbers — direct, sincere and displaying rare musicianship—together with his masterly interpretation of Grieg's Concerto in A Minor for Piano and Orchestra opened up new vistas of appreciation for the listeners.

The last symphony concert of the season will be presented March 10 under the baton of Allard de Ridder.

Eminent Musician Drops In To See Ryubikai Concert

Surprise visitor to the Ryubikai's concert of Japanese dances held at the Japanese Hall last Saturday evening was Sir Arthur Benjamin, eminent musician, who evinced a keen interest in Japanese dances and, in particular, Japanese music.

As colorful as the back drops and stage settings, the numerous dances ably directed by Mrs. T. Tonogai pleased the audience of over 700 people who crowded the hall.

Dressed in costumes of various descriptions, eight Nisei girls taking part were: Miyoko Kariya, Kuniko Morishita, Emiko Nakamoto, Tamiye Sumida, Lucy Takemoto, Harumi Tomotsugi, Hanni and Teruye Yamashita.

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Odds and Ends

On A Midnight DX-Prowl

With A. Y.

After a day of strenuous physical or mental exertion, just a few moments before Sandman Slumber tip-toes into the bedroom on his nightly rounds, I often turn to the radio for a soothing nightcap. And generally it's a "Midnight DX-Prowl" that brings down the curtain on the day's activities for me.

Practically every big city has one or more radio stations that carry midnight DX-Prowls. Some go by more fanciful names but basically they're alike in that they play a program of recorded music (mostly popular dance numbers) upon request.

Ask For Your Favourite

A great variety of songs are asked for. Songs that date back to the distant 20's such as *Blue Skies* and *Diane*, the more recent semi-classics, *Stardust* and *Smoke Gets in Your Eyes*, right up to the very latest, *Faithful Forever*, *At the Balalaika* and *Piggy Wiggy Woo*.

Novel Programs Nightly

A few American stations have novel programs. Station KNX in Hollywood, for example, selects odd numbers and offers a prize of one dollar to the person correctly identifying the title and composer of the piece. Sometimes as many as seven to ten fans phone in to claim the prize but guess wrongly.

Station KWJJ in Portland (very good reception in Vancouver at this time of the year) has a rapid-fire presentation that seems to arouse great response. Briefly, the announcer reads out a list of request numbers that are to be played during the ensuing half-hour. If someone phones in during that time for a song already on the list, it is moved right up to the top.

On the other hand, if a listener dislikes a record that is being played all he has to do is to phone the studio and say so, and if ten persons should likewise veto the number while it is still being played, off comes the record, is smashed right then and there in the studio and put on the "taboo list" for one whole week. Several days ago *Oh, Johnny, Oh* suffered a breakdown and last week *Little Red Fox* just missed a similar fate by one phone call. (Mighty smart that little fox; he eludes his pursuers both in the song and over the air.)

LYRICS LINGER ON THE AIR LANES

In general, these DX-Prowls give a fair indication of the popularity of song-hits in a given locality. Here in Vancouver songs like *Beer Barrel Polka* (yes, it's still requested regularly) linger long after they leave the air lanes in the States, whereas it seems to take a good two weeks for new songs to "catch on."

Illuminating, too, is the request for certain pieces as played by certain orchestras. Orrin Tucker, for instance, leaped into the limelight on the strength of vocalist Bonnie Baker's inimitable rendition of Oh, Johnny, Oh. Hal Kemp and Freddy Martin pulled themselves up a couple of notches with their stylings of Little Red Fox and Scatterbrain respectively.

Glenn Miller, Sammy Kaye and Kay Kyser are strong on all counts. Benny Goodman has wrested the "King of Swing" title back from retired Artie Shaw. Tommy Dorsey is liked more for his sweet pieces (*Indian Summer*) than rowdy swing selections (*El Rancho Grande*). Riding high are Horace Heidt and his Musical Knights, and, of course, the one and only Bing Crosby.

If you happen to be still up when the clock strikes twelve try dialing these DX-Prowls; maybe you'll enjoy listening to them. (Stations CKMO, KRSC, KIRO, KOW, KWJJ, KLS, KALE and countless others.)

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INTERNAL PRESSURE UNDERLIES JAPAN'S FOREIGN POLICY

EDITOR'S NOTE: In last week's article was told the story of the founding of the empire of Japan, 2,600 years ago. This week is told the story of the economic pressure which forms the basic drive in Japan's foreign policy today. Here in Canada we are united in a war to defend our ideas and our standards of liberty, freedom and democracy. In Japan, the people are united in a war to win themselves an escape from an economic millstone.

(From Far Eastern Affairs Monthly)

Since the world war, and especially for the past fifteen years Japan's external policy and actions have been increasingly influenced, if not determined, by the overcrowding and unrest induced by excess population. Remember, that from 1637 to 1853 Japan was the "hermit" nation, having little or no contact with the outside world, living entirely to herself. By the time that America had pried open Japan's closed doors in 1853, the desirable empty spaces of the earth had been preemptied by the white races.

The Discovery of Japan

For a century and a half prior to her re-entry into the outside world, Japan's population remained at about thirty millions. Then, under the aegis of her American "discoverer," the New Japan plunged into a program designed and destined to put the country on a plane of material equality with the nations of the Western world. Thus, almost overnight, Japan was metamorphosed from a medieval feudal society into a modern state ranked with the Great Powers of the world. Even today there still live in the modern cities of Japan, men who in their youth fought in suits of armor and with the feudal samurai's deadly two-handed sword.

This speedy transformation encouraged a correspondingly rapid increase in population. As in most other countries, a rising standard of living resulted in larger families. In the first fifty years of modern Japan—from 1875 to 1925—the population almost doubled, and the increase was welcomed and absorbed.

Within a single generation a whole new class, the factory workers, came into existence as a consequence of Japan's industrial and social revolution. People flocked to the flourishing industrial centres, which more than trebled between 1890 and 1925, while the strictly rural population increased only six per cent.

Labour Markets Saturated

By 1925 Japan's labour markets were saturated. But the population increase continued unabated because to the accompaniment of her industrial expansion she had advanced in the Western sciences of medicine and sanitation to the point where the death rate had been reduced to 20 in the thousand.

This falling death rate resulted in a natural increase in population which in 1932 amounted to over one million (excess of births over deaths) and is far beyond the normal needs of the industrial expansion which engendered it. Today the population of Japan proper exceeds 70 millions, and by the most conservative estimate is expected to reach at least 78 million by 1950. An increasing tendency toward a lower fecundity gives promise of an ultimate stabilization at around 80 million, but such an alleviation, if it proves one at all, will not be operative for a long time to come. Meanwhile population pressure is a fact which creates difficult domestic problems and causes external repercussions.

New Jobs To Find

In concrete terms what does Japan's population pressure mean? It means that every year for at least the next ten years there will be approximately a million added mouths to feed and a quarter of a million new jobs to find.

With 960 people for every square kilometer of cultivated land, Japan's population is twice as dense as that of China in terms of persons per unit of cultivated land. Land holdings have been cut into increasingly smaller plots, until today the average farm family of five must extract a living from two acres of ground.

However in the future Japan's population increase must be checked, its present surplus must be fed, and that fact, and not "national ambition" is at the bottom of Japan's aggressive foreign policy. National ambition is present, as in all nations, but it can wait. Hungry mouths cannot.

To be sure, there are militarists in high places in Japan, as there are elsewhere, and there is no doubt that these men have often confused the means with the end. To some extent, too, Russia has supplied a basis for militarist policy in Japan, and no doubt Japanese "jingoes" have sought to make out of American or British Far Eastern policy a potential threat to their own country.

Population Pressure The Motivating Force

But as Japan's efforts to expand to meet population pressure antedated all this, it seems more reasonable to conclude that internal economic pressure—the existence of overcrowding and unrest due to surplus population, underlies as fully as it explains the major foreign policies and activities of Japan during the past decade and a half.

It is this fierce economic pressure which competent observers assess as the reason for Japan's notoriously large bureaucracy—all branches of the government are oversupplied with officials because it has been practically compelled to create places for the thousands of ambitious and brilliant young men who come out year by year from the universities and technical schools. An abnormally high suicide rate among these young people is eloquent testimony of the ominous pressure which besets their existence.

Arikado Brothers Spark YP Shuttlers To Title And Trophy

Score Stunning Upset In Straight Sets Over Suga-Wakabayashi, Ace GYK Duo

Hail the new champions of the Japanese Badminton League—the Powell Y.P.S.! They earned the title and the JCCL Challenge Trophy when they battered the highly-favoured GYK shuttle artists with a make-shift team. Faced with the problem in the loss of their veteran Henry Arikado, the Powell Y.P. board of strategy took a long chance in breaking up all their combinations in a last-minute change. Teaming Ernie Arikado with brother Dave, was the smartest move the church group made as the pair sailed through their two matches with flying colors and scored the biggest upset of the season.

Overconfidence on the part of the highly publicized GYK team lost the championship for the language school team. The highly touted duo of Baron Wakabayashi and Kas Suga failed to click and fell to a humiliating defeat at the hands of the Arikado brothers in straight sets.

UPSETS

With a chance to tie up the series the new GYK twosome of Kaichi Nagata and Haruko Maruno, after making a grand showing against the top-notchers, J. Tanaka and Mary Saegusa, fell an easy prey to Jimmy Kumagai and Chiyo Hyodo to give the Powell Y.P.S. the deciding game.

Steveston scored another major upset by taking four of the five games which time allotted them against Strathcona. The biggest one was the victory over Y. Matsui and Fumi Doshima by Steveston's mixed couple, S. Kochi and H. Hamade.

GYK vs. Y.P.S.

D. Arikado-E. Arikado bt. Matsukawa-Oshino 15-8, 15-10 and Wakabayashi-Suga, 15-8, 15-4; J. Tanaka-M. Saegusa bt. Nagata-Maruno 15-10, 7-15, 15-3; J. Kumagai-C. Hyodo bt. Nagata-Maruno 15-9, 15-6; Ashikawa-M. Matsui bt. Matsukawa-Oshino 15-10, 15-8; Okumura-Koyanagi bt. J. Kumagai-C. Hyodo 15-8, 15-4.

Steveston vs. Strathcona

T. Oda-S. Sogawa bt. Y. Ono-R. Kamino 15-10, 15-8; Yatabe-Hayashi bt. Minamide-Nakade, 15-11, 15-18, 15-8; Sogawa-Nishi bt. Ikeda-Toyota 15-10, 17-15; S. Kochi-Hamade bt. Doshima-Matsui 2-15, 15-9, 16-15; Minamide-Nakade bt. Ono-Kamino 15-5, 13-15, 15-12.

RIVERSIDE JCCL ORGANIZE FOR YEAR'S WORK

By Chatter

Citizens League Meet

Many important problems were discussed at the last meeting of the J.C.C.L., Jan. 30. Under the chairmanship of Tom Tamaki, the meeting opened with an address by President Hideo Onotera. New officers will be elected at a meeting on Feb. 18.

Brief . . . After listening to the reports of our delegates to the National Convention, especially on marriage, I wouldn't be surprised to see a few members sail for Japan this fall.

Acknowledged with thanks were donations of $5.00 to the local chapter from Mr. K. Takahashi, and of $2.00 from new members in Kennedy.

Good Trying

Although we didn't bring those trophies home from the kendo tournament in Vancouver, our local representatives put up a grand fight. Special congratulations to "Kish" Sasaki and "Sunshine" Sato.

Britannia Ass'n. Commemorates Japan's Birthday

By Crusher

In commemoration of the 2600th year of the founding of the Japanese Empire, the Konwa-kai members held a special social function, Sunday night, Feb. 11th. It was opened by a speech from Mr. Tsumota, followed by the singing of "Kimigayo." Mr. Okui then gave a brief address, and the group joined in a song commemorating this function.

A short movie picture was shown by Mr. Yamazaki, and then the members gathered around the table to satisfy their hungry appetites, especially the Niseis. Inquiry . . . how did Mas, Harry and Jake happen to get such rosy complexions by the time the social came to an end?

Britannia Brevities . . . Saturday night the fellows in the bunkhouse assembled in the mess room to practise the song commemorating the anniversary, but since the turn-table was rather fast and loud the result was not very successful. In fact after an hour or so the voices became rather hoarse and finally stopped altogether, although a couple of jazz records were played to keep up everyone's interest . . . Spring is approaching just around the corner. Sunday afternoon several of the younger fellows were out on the ball ground getting in trim for the coming season. Don't be too hasty, fellows, the snow may come down the hill side yet. . .

Killer Kondo Capers To New Cage Record As JCCL Take Tuxis

By Staff Correspondent

Victoria. — The JCCL basketballers again took over the lead in this tightly contested three-team league of ours with a sweet 41 to 30 victory over the Tuxis Beavers in the only game played last week.

The big hero of the evening was Eichi "Killer" Kondo, who, after being in a five-game slump, finally came to life and scored twenty-eight points (thirteen field goals and two foul shots), nearly enough to win the game single-handed.

The eventual winners held the lead all the way, except for a few minutes prior to the end of the first half when the Beavers knotted the count at 16-all. From then on the JCCL gradually pulled away to win by an 11-point margin. The score at half-time was 20-18 in favour of the winning team.

For the losers, Shuu Shimizu and Terry Uyede were the leading point-getters, bagging eleven and nine points respectively.

Beavers—T. Uyede (9), Shuu Shimizu (11), H. Ioi (3), K. Kuwabara (5), G. Uyede (2), P. Hasegawa and K. Takahashi. Total 30.

JCCL—H. Kawasoe (6), G. Kuwata (4), M. Okamoto, E. Kondo (28), Sam Okamoto (1), and J. Hamai (2). Total 41.

The tip-off: The "Killer" who set a new record was heard to remark that the credit for his uncanny marksmanship goes to the fact that he played without his supper. Just a hint, fellas, but do you think it worth a trial? . . . After coming out the under-dog in a bad fumble, "Hide" of the Beavers came up off the floor saying, "Gee, I thought he was hurt bad!" . . . The girls who stayed away on account of the downpour sure missed a good game.

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M & N Maikawa's Romp To Easy Wins

Set Stage For Senior Finals Showdown

Ho-hum! Might as well start the finals to-morrow.

The league-leading M & N doubled their adversary's score to hand Harry's their fourth straight loss 33-15, while in a rough and tumble match, which resulted in one broken nose to Eddie Nakamura, the second-place Maikawa's downed the fighting Powell Drug quintet 40-30 in this week's casaba games at the Gym.

Although Kas. Suga and Joe Akiyama were absent from the lineup, Harry's put up a fighting exhibition of hoopla and kept stride with the machine-like M & N five until the third quarter. In the last period, however, the Powell Street boys bottled up all of Harry's scoring punch and ran easy 33-15 verdict.
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DRUGGISTS LEAD 16-7

The Powell Drugs seemed headed for their second win of the season when they led Maikawa's 16-7 in the middle of the second quarter, but the department store boys staged a 10-point rally to put them 1 point up at the breather. Shig Ashikawa must have waited until the third quarter to open up his hot firing guns, tallying 12 points to boost his team's advantage comfortably.

The Druggists fought back hard to regain the difference but the big lead was too much for them as they fell 40-30 in a valiant but losing battle.

Shig Ashikawa added another big figure on his already high scoring by potting 24 points. Kas Hoshizaki was next with 13.

FLASH!

Not to be left behind by the Vancouver cagettes, the local Nippons have also been invited to travel to Seattle in a return match with the Seattle Hornets during the Good Friday week-end. But Director Mi Akiyama is quite dubious whether or not they can accept their offer. The question is whether the Nippons can field a team. Many of the regulars will not be able to make the trip because of work on Saturday.

A meeting will be held next Tuesday at the local gym to decide definitely whether they can go or not, so all the members of the Nipponettes and the Nippons are urged to attend.

Steveston, Marpole, Ernie's, Nomads To Battle For Junior Cage Crown

The race for Junior Cage League honours narrowed considerably this week as the scrambling Juniors entered the home stretch gunning for play-off positions. East End Monarchs lost all hope for the crown as Marpole nosed them out by one point, 22-21, while Nomads settled into playoff position, trouncing the hapless Acme Hurricanes, 60-31.

Wednesday evening, Ernie's showed playoff power and finish in a brilliant fourth quarter drive to score a minor upset over the husky Steveston cagers, 27-21.

In the Ernie's-Steveston fixture, with the score deadlocked at 10-10. In the last quarter, the ice cream parlor boys put on a surprise scoring spurt and drew ahead to a 25-19 lead. Both teams scored a basket apiece but before any more damage could be done, the horn came to the aid of Ernie's to make the final count 27-21.

Making a fighting bid for a playoff berth, Monarchs took the offensive from the opening whistle, hanging on desperately to a slim lead throughout the first three quarters.

But in the final frame the Marpolites settled down to serious checking, limiting the East Enders to one solitary point, while Jinx and Sub Mike sluiced in a basket apiece to eke out a narrow one-point victory.

Sub Mike and Al Tokawa were the sharpshooters with 8 points each.

Acme No Match

Nomads took an early lead in their encounter with Acme, piling up a 26-15 lead by half-time. The Sea Islanders fought back gamely in the third quarter, but were no match for the taller locals, who retained their 11-point lead to the end of the third quarter. Accurate sniping by Nishimura, Hori and Yoshinaka in the last quarter advanced Nomads' lead to 60-31 by the end of the game.

Although on the losing team, K. Koyanagi piled up the biggest total by sinking 21 points, while Yoshinska was second with an even dozen.

SPORTS Sukiyaki

By Seiji Onizuka

We Name Them—To Lose!

The Powell Y.P.S. pulled off what might be considered the major upset of the year when they downed GYK for the JCCL Challenge Cup, emblematic of the Japanese Badminton League supremacy. And once again we've kept a clean slate for never picking the winners. It's getting so bad that the only thing the local betting fans have to do nowadays is to bet against our "Wrong-Way-Corrigan" predictions to cinch theirs. Even rival managers are begging me to choose the other to win. Well, we'll fool them yet one of these fine days by picking out the winner.

Another severe jolt to my predictive powers was the recent downfall of the hitherto undefeated duos of Baron Wakabayashi and Kas Suga, and Matt Matsui and Fumi Deshima. After having esteemed them as invincible couples it was a real heartbreaker to me to see them go down so miserably in defeat.

Well there's still the shuttle tournament yet and I've got my fingers crossed on my former choices to break the ice for me. Here's hoping.

Fuji Fumes and Frets

While we're in the sorrowing stage, shed a tear for the members of the Fuji Ski Club. After working hard all summer chopping firewood, packing heavy lumber and shingles for improvements to their old two-by-four, which they transformed into a beautiful mountain lodge de luxe with accommodations for the fairer sex, and altogether looking forward to a peak in skiing, they forgot one thing, Snow! Yep, no Snow! The old weather man forgot our usual helping so the plankers have to travel to Baker or trek over to Dam Mountain. One consolation anyways, fellas, you won't have to chop much firewood for next winter.

Incidentiy, the Fuji skiers will be going down south during March in their annual down-hill and slalom meet with the Rokka Ski Club. In last year's meet on our local terra, the Vancouver skiers won the Nishihama Challenge Cup by a fraction of a point. It'll be tough going for the locals this year to repeat, but I'll make no predictions.

Onizuka's Odds and Ends

The long-awaited invitation to travel to Seattle for a return match with the Seattle girls' team during the Good Friday week-end has come at last, and are the girls in a dither. With the girls shaping up fast and getting their ball-handling down pat, the only thing lacking is a good coach who knows the girls' rules. Any volunteers?

Since the number allotted to go is limited I advise the coaches to have a bottle of bromo-seltzer handy because picking out the team is going to be a terrific headache.

Congratulations to the Nippatsu soccer team. Nippatsu's, made up of local Niseis, were rated to have no chance when they entered the G.V.A.A. Soccer League, but to everybody's amazement they won 8 of their 10 games to end up in second place behind All Blacks.

According to the diminutive but able manager Shadow Nakatsuka the brilliant goal-tending by Bae Misumi has contributed much towards their wins. Hope you get more shut-outs, Bae.

Three cheers . . . fan mail from an unidentified sport fan, published only upon express orders of the Editor, to wit:

"Let me again congratulate you for great work towards The New Canadian and especially to the sport page. Seeing that Shige Ashikawa is the high-scoring man in the senior basketball league and also a star player, please put a picture of him in your next issue."

Well, as you see, no picture this week, but we'll have to see what we can do.

Congress

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study outlines upon which discussions in the various commissions will be based. The outlines as well as 2500 copies of the "Call" are soon to be circulated among as many youth organizations in B. C. as possible in an effort to make the Youth Congress truly representative of B. C. Youth.

Commissions will meet on Friday and Saturday and report their findings in the form of resolutions to the General Assembly which will vote upon them Sunday and Monday.

Fee for the Congress has been raised to 75c this year.

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